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BAPTISTS HOLD CONVENTION HERE

Reports State Work Is to Start on Cleaning Well

LOCAL CHURCH IS CROWDED DURING TWO-DAY SESSION

It was an inspiring sight to see one hundred or more young people, together with prominent business and professional men, come together from twenty-five North Texas counties to spend two days discussing how to increase the efficiency of Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work. This meeting was not run by preachers but by godly laymen and consecrated young women. Mr. Le Roy Moore, superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church in Wichita Falls, was president of the Sunday school convention, and Miss Stella Milburn, instructor in religious education in Burleson College, was president of the B. Y. P. U. convention. These two took it turn about in presiding at the sessions of the meeting.

Mr. J. D. Buster, a prominent lawyer of Sherman, was one of the most popular speakers of the convention. He spoke on "The Place of the B. Y. P. U. in Growing a Great Church." Think of it—a brilliant lawyer leaving his business for two days and going to a distant city and pouring out his soul in an eloquent plea for Bible study, prayer and making one's self count as a member of the church of Jesus Christ! A little man, desirous of creating the impression that he is a very important person, would look down on such matters as being entirely beneath his attention, but not so with Mr. Buster. He talked and acted like he thought religion was the greatest thing in the world, and that his best contributions were poor as compared to the merit of the great cause. It was an unspeakable inspiration to see such a man in action.

Then there was Mr. E. E. Fuller, a wealthy business man of Wichita Falls, a deacon in the First Baptist church, who came to pour out his soul on "The Organized Class As An Agency for Enlisting Men in Christian Work." He is helping support a young preacher in Decatur College, and did the same thing last year. His highest ambition is to do good, and he said the happiest experiences of his life had been in leading lost men to Christ.

Mr. G. S. Hopkins of Dallas, is another prominent layman of Dallas who was here. He was an employee in the post office in Amarillo when Dr. Wallace Basset went there as pastor of the First Baptist church. Dr. Basset recognized his talents and induced him to give up his business career and come to Dallas and accept the position of superintendent of the Sunday school of Cliff Temple church at a less salary than he was receiving. He has succeeded in building a Sunday school with an attendance of two thousand, and he spoke on "The Essentials of a Great Sunday School." He is a tall Abraham Lincoln looking kind of a man. He doesn't try to be eloquent, but is a warm hearted practical sort of a fellow. He said that a Sunday school superintendent ought to have high ambitions for his school and should not allow himself to become discouraged on account of the difficulties and troubles. He said all growing concerns have troubles. In illustrating the importance of unselfishness in Sunday school classes and teachers he told the stories of two teachers he had known. One was a man who withdrew his contribution of one hundred dollars toward the erection of a Sunday school building because he was not given the room he wanted. He quit the Sunday school and thought of course it would die, but it didn't—it grew. But the man died up on the stalk and grew into a chronic grouch. The other teacher was a consecrated young woman who came to the superintendent and asked that she be given a dark unattractive room for her class. The superintendent was surprised, but was so impressed that he took

STEWARDS OF THIS DISTRICT CONVENE

A meeting of the stewards of the Methodist Decatur district was held here Tuesday, presided over by Presiding Elder Charlie L. Bounds. The meeting was also attended by a number of the pastors of the district and a very interesting and profitable session was held. The work of the district for the new conference year was outlined and planned, and Rev. Bounds stated that the outlook for a good year's work was very promising. The visitors were entertained at lunch at the City Hotel by the ladies of the Missionary Society.

Following were present: Stewards G. W. Allcorn of Montague, W. F. Pafford of Justin, V. E. Baldridge of Chico, Louis Kirkpatrick of Bridgeport, Sam B. McCluney of Boyd, Dave and L. L. Hoyl of Decatur, W. P. Roberts of Oak Grove, H. P. Smith of Perrin, Revs. E. D. McConn of Montague, W. E. Wisdom of Greenwood, R. L. Patton of Krum, C. J. Fender of Perrin, W. H. Baker and J. R. Wages of Decatur, C. D. King of Bridgeport.

his sixteen-year-old daughter from a teaching position in the primary department and put her in that young woman's class. The young woman said she wanted to teach her class unselfishly; that is one of the qualifications of a winning teacher.

Mr. Walter Jackson, superintendent of the Sunday school of College Avenue Baptist church in Fort Worth spoke on "Financing the Church Through the Sunday School." He advocated a rather novel idea and made it look pretty reasonable.

Superintendent W. A. Chisholm of the Gaston Avenue Sunday school in Dallas, gave an instructive discussion of "The Sunday School Record System." Mr. Chisholm was secretary of the convention in Decatur. One of the attractive speakers of the convention was Dr. Britton Ross, pastor of the First Baptist church in Mineral Wells. Dr. Ross used to be a railroad engineer, and he got up lots of steam discussing "Evangelistic Opportunity of the Sunday School." Dr. Ross has an average attendance of three or four hundred at his regular mid-week prayer meetings the year round and maintains a perennial revival in his church.

Dr. W. B. Vining of Dallas brought a hopeful report concerning the seventy-five million campaign, and urged that all pledges for this year be paid by next Sunday.

Following the program on Tuesday night the visitors were entertained for about thirty minutes by the young people of the local church, under the direction of Professor H. P. Black, choir director of the First Baptist church. Miss Preston, teacher of piano at the college, showed herself a real artist in her piano solo. Misses Rowan and Floyd rendered a charming violin duet, and Mr. Bill Jones showed real talent in his vocal solo. Miss Stone, who moved from Rhomene to Decatur this year to attend the college, delighted the audience with a violin solo. Miss Isabelle Hunt brought down the house with her reading on "What Katy Did." A thrilling piano solo by Miss Eileen Rowan closed the musical program, and then the visitors were served chocolate and cake from a booth decorated in college colors. Tho the hour was a little late everybody had a good time and went away in high spirits.

The music of the convention was under the direction of Professor I. E. Reynolds, head of the department of voice in the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth. His solos were greatly enjoyed, and he led the congregation in some great singing.

Mr. Marshall Barnett of the McKinney Avenue Baptist church in Dallas, was elected president for next year, and Mr. Chisholm of Dallas was continued as recording secretary. The next session of the convention will be held with the Cliff Temple Baptist church in Dallas on November 4th and 5th, 1924.

The visiting delegates extended the members of the Decatur First Baptist church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious and bountiful entertainment.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS TO CONVENTION AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HERE

Many visitors failed to register, but below is given a list of those who registered: J. W. Mason, Fort Worth; Mrs. J. E. Doss, Dallas; Miss Viola Doyle, Slidell; A. D. Lancaster, Denison; Mrs. A. D. Lancaster, Denison; Miss Cecelia Larsen, Denison; Mrs. A. H. Murphree, Dallas; R. N. Duckworth, Fort Worth; Charles S. Maxson, Fort Worth; J. E. Doss, Dallas; Mrs. Homer McGregor, Wichita Falls; A. H. Murphree, Dallas; Mrs. James King, Wichita Falls; Ellis B. Evans, Fort Worth; Mrs. Ray Lemon, Dallas; Mrs. H. F. Berry, Dallas; Mrs. H. H. Hall, Slidell; L. E. Waite, Fort Worth; Mrs. S. A. Matthews, Dallas; Mrs. J. T. Pall, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Maxberry, Montague; E. E. Fuller, Wichita Falls; Miss Elsie Hardin, Dallas; Miss Grace Hampton, Fort Worth; Mrs. O. L. Cox, Bridgeport; R. C. Roberts, Bridgeport; R. J. January, Denton; W. H. Thorn, Greenwood; Rev. W. C. McClung, Denton; Mrs. B. C. Holly, Weatherford; Mrs. J. S. Durham, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitman, Bowie; Mrs. Frank Milburn, Weatherford; Miss Effie McDaniel, Dallas; Mrs. J. H. Fulkerson, Dallas; Mrs. R. E. Simmons, Chico; Mrs. B. O. Wilkerson, Chico; Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, Bridgeport; Miss Lynett Lowery, Bridgeport; Miss Clara

Stephens, Chico; Mrs. J. C. Barnhill, Chico; Mrs. J. L. Williamson, Fort Worth; Mrs. A. D. Roberts, Bridgeport; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Heathington, Chico; Dr. J. M. Price, Fort Worth; Miss Grace Hampton, Fort Worth; W. C. Montgomery, Greenwood; Miss Janette, Ray and Laura White, Lancaster; Rev. H. C. Bass, Terrell; Dr. Britton Ross, Mineral Wells; Dr. Harold Major, Dallas; W. A. Chisholm, Dallas; Marshall Barnett, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Sadler, Dallas; Miss Palmer, Dallas; Miss Mary Baker, Ringgold; Rev. J. D. Allen and wife, Bowie; Mrs. E. Ham-mack, Slidell; W. W. Rozelle, Henrietta; Rev. Perry Peyton and wife, Alvord; Rev. J. H. Burns, Alvord; Mrs. Robert Blair, Dallas; Mrs. Fred Milligan, Greenwood; Mrs. Coffine, Dallas; Mrs. Carroll, Fort Worth; A. C. Doyle, Slidell; Clarence Johnson, Fort Worth; Rev. J. W. Beville, Fort Worth; Rev. W. A. Bryan and G. A. Cheatham, Paris; J. D. Buster, Sherman; Le Roy Moore, Wichita Falls; John and Charles Sparks, Rhomene; Mrs. C. E. Shaw and Miss Leach, Rhomene; Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Leon Price, Dallas; Senior Minor, Bowie; I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth; Walter Jackson, Fort Worth; F. Chastain, Wolfe City; J. S. Hopkins and wife, Dallas.

BIG BOY WILLIAMS MAKING PROGRESS

Mrs. S. T. Lillard has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. H. A. Hinton, in Los Angeles, California. She was accompanied home by her mother.

While in Los Angeles Mrs. Lillard was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Williams Jr. She stated that "Big Boy" is becoming more popular in the movie world as his new western feature films are being produced, and that he is a favorite among the screen stars of the western coast. Mrs. Lillard also met the famous Will Rogers, who spoke to Mrs. Lillard of his appreciation of and friendship for "Big Boy" Williams. Mr. Rogers said that Williams is one of the cleanest young men he has ever known and that he is working earnestly in his profession and has a very promising future. "Big Boy" Guinn told Mrs. Lillard he was very anxious to bring his wife for a visit to Decatur during the Christmas season. Should they do so they would be warmly welcomed by many good friends in this section.

WANTS TO COME TO DAIRYING SECTION

Writing from Texarkana, George C. Cole discloses to the chamber of commerce that the news of Decatur's success in dairying has reached him and says he wishes to engage in the dairying business and wants to know if our country is well suited to dairying. "Please tell me at what price I can buy land with a fair house on it and if it can be obtained in suitable sized tracts. Also, is there an established market for fresh eggs and what is the price to the producer now and what was it during the last summer?"

These and similar inquiries reaching the chamber of commerce testify to the value of write-ups and newspaper publicity in the state papers which the chamber of commerce is striving constantly to promote.

BIG POTATOES ARE GROWN IN COUNTY

Jesse Steveson, one of our most progressive young farmers, living north of Decatur, exhibited a very unusual display of sweet potatoes here this week. He had three large potatoes which grew on one vine, the largest of which weighed ten and one-half pounds and measured about twenty-eight inches in circumference. The weight of the three potatoes was twenty-one and one-half pounds.

Wise county sand will certainly produce sweet potatoes and no records are safe when our farmers strut their stuff.

SLIDELL MAN WILL ENTER NEXT RACE

"Don't ask help for yourself. Help others." This is the advice given by J. B. Pruett, who, altho he lost his sight twenty years ago, successfully operates a broom factory at Slidell, sixteen miles northeast of Decatur, and will be a candidate for the legislature from Wise county at the next election. The industry is one of the most successful of the kind in the state and its products are well known in many North Texas cities.

"When I lost my sight I decided to make the best of it," Pruett said. "I learned a trade; then I stepped out in the world to make my own way. I have never asked help. Instead I help others."

He is known as one of the best posted men in the community. His wife spends hours reading newspapers to him. He has a remarkable memory and to some extent can distinguish colors by sense of feeling.

"My wife and I are real pals," he smiled. "We were married before I lost my sight. We have two children, the older, a boy, soon will enter school."

"I expect to make the race for the legislature. I want people to vote for me if they think I am capable of serving them as their representative, and not because I am blind."

HUGE MILK CHECK FOR SINGLE WEEK

A nice little blue check for \$175.75 was what one dairyman received in Decatur last week for seven days of his whole milk product. The check came from Dallas and represents just that much good hard Dallas money transferred to Decatur; outside money, never been here before—the kind of money that this community needs in its business and the kind the milk cows will draw in.

The number of dollars transferred Dallas capital to Decatur will be proportioned to the number of good milk cows we keep in action in these parts. The moral is to multiply the number of good cows.

ARCHDEACON WILL CONDUCT SERVICES

Archdeacon Harry L. Virden of the diocese of Dallas, will fill his regular pulpit at the Episcopal church next Sunday evening at seven-fifteen and will preach a sermon that will have relation to Armistice Day. Mr. Virden sends along an invitation to legion members and ex-soldiers and the public generally to be his auditors. Rev. Virden is himself a war veteran, ex-chaplain of the Leavenworth federal prison; a cultured talker.

D. B. C. AND T. M. C. IN NO-SCORE GAME

Playing in a sea of mud that made end runs impossible, kicking precarious and forward passing a matter of accident, Decatur Baptist College Indians and the Texas Military College eleven fought to a scoreless tie on last Friday afternoon, with little if anything to choose between the two teams. Whatever superiority of playing was exhibited came from the Indians, altho the visiting boys staged a stubborn fight that showed that Wesley Bradshaw has put drive into his machine.

Only three first downs were made during the entire game, therefore, the game was mostly exchange of punting. All three first downs were made by Decatur in the first half. Neither team was able to carry the ball for first downs in the last half. At no stage of the game was either team in danger of having their goal crossed. With the exception of the times the boys were washing their faces and hands in nearby mud holes, there was no halt in the slimy battle, altho a steady sheet of rain was descending thruout the entire game.

In the last part of third quarter Sebastain attempted a place kick for Decatur from the twenty yard line, but it failed on account of the slippery condition of the ball. The great majority of the game found the ball hovering in an especially slick and muddy spot near the center of the field. Both teams fumbled considerably, due not to inferior playing but to a slippery ball and a slick field.

Decatur College gained a total of fifty-five yards, which T. M. C. made a total of twenty-five yards. Punts by Decatur men averaged twenty-five yards, while the visitors' punts averaged twenty-two yards.

Decatur	Position	T. M. C.
Aubrey	Left End	Olley
Hodgkins	Left Tackle	Frasier
Price	Left Guard	Dayault
Smith	Center	Angel
Spain	Right Guard	Keyton
Sebastain	Right Tackle	Thomas
Petty	Right End	Wilson
Sims	Quarterback	Reed
Jennings	Right Halfback	La Rue
Shaw	Left Halfback	Williamson
Scott	Fullback	Wieler

Officials—Riechenstein, A. & M. referee; Boswell, Center, umpire; Vaughan, T. C. U., head linesman.

WILLIAMSON HOME CONSUMED BY FIRE

The new home of Homer Williamson burned on last Tuesday morning about five o'clock in the northwest part of town. The household goods were also a total loss, as the fire spread so rapidly it was impossible to save anything. Mr. Williamson received some painful burns while trying to save his goods.

The fire originated in the bath room, and is thought to have started from a gas hot-plate, which had been left lighted.

Insurance of \$1900 was carried on the house and household goods.

REALIZING \$700 PER MONTH OFF DAIRY

One man in Decatur community is pulling down seven hundred dollars gross every month in the dairy business. He has a large number of cows. The men who are doing well in the dairy line are the fellows who are milking a large number of cows or whose small herd of cows are of the unusual and high producing type. Reversely the fellow that is losing out is the one who is milking a small herd of low grade producers. The ideal on the average farm would be to have a small herd of high producers, the reasonably best in good breeding that can be obtained.

DRILLERS BELIEVE GOOD PRODUCER BELOW BRIDGE

A report has reached Messenger that everything is in readiness for the work to start on cleaning the Hunter-Scott well, which was abandoned several months ago after two shots were placed in the hole in an effort to shoot the well into production. When the hole bridged work of trying to make a producer of the well was stopped and it was thought that efforts of several years on the part of a number of the faithful had gone up in thin air.

A contract was let to Mr. Forben to pull the casing in the Hunter-Scott and all preparations were made to abandon what at one time looked to be a sensational field. When work of removing the casing from the well was started oil was discovered in the hole. An investigation was made by the Forben crew and several hundred feet of high grade oil was found. Interest in the well went up to fever heat and the report of the finding attracted oil men from the fields in this section of the state. A number of barrels of oil was bailed from the well, and it was decided to clean the hole.

After two months of dickering, arrangements were made, and the report today says the tools and machinery for prosecuting the work are on the ground. The Hunter-Scott well has made the best showing in the county, and the well informed oil men say a field is to be found in that section.

FERTILIZES SANDY SOILS PROFITABLY

County Agent W. M. Love of Wise county has submitted a report on the fertilizer experiment of A. M. Crowder on cotton of the present season's planting. Mr. Crowder applied a complete fertilizer in the proportion of two hundred pounds per acre on a small plot. The plot measured out thirty rows to the acre and the surplus yield of the fertilized above the unfertilized cotton growing alongside of it was four pounds to the row. The time of maturity was about two weeks in advance of the unfertilized cotton. At this rate the fertilized cotton paid at the rate of seven dollars an acre above the unfertilized cotton, which on an average twenty acre crop would amount to a hundred and forty dollars, or say an extra bale at good prices. The cost of the fertilizer estimated at forty-eight dollars a ton and the cost of the labor of applying it estimated at one dollar per acre, was deducted from the gross.

This was a first year's application on ground hardly considered to be ideal for the experiment. The application also is low in quantity applied and it must be reckoned what the results would be if a heavier application had been made. Fertilizer also can be bought cheaper in car lots than forty-eight dollars a ton, and where a piece of ground has previously been supplied with plowed under vegetation for the making of humus and for better maintenance of moisture the beneficial action of fertilizer is always much greater. Modifications also might be made in the formula to better suit requirements of the particular piece of soil. All these things must be taken into consideration and experimented on.

The showing must be regarded as good under the circumstances. Mr. Crowder's experiment was on sandy land. The reports from black land are so far not encouraging for the use of the fertilizers with a content of nitrogen which the black land seems not to need. The reports from sandy land are encouraging. Fertilizing is being given a thorough test in Wise county.

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:30 am
1—	9:45 am	11:08 am	1:10 pm
5—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:30 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
2—	2:45 pm	4:57 pm	6:20 pm

Bernie Kendrick was at home from Fort Worth last Sunday.

C. P. Dodson, Professor Henry T. Tinsley and Coach Penn Dickson went to Waco Saturday, where they attended the Baylor-A. & M. football game which ended in a scoreless tie.

Mrs. Newton P. Taylor is visiting relatives in Glenrose.

Yes. "Pride of Texas" flour is as white, will bake as good and is fully guaranteed as any flour sold in Wise county.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holliday of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gettys last Sunday.

H. C. Ratcliff returned this week from a trip to Los Angeles, California.

Aubrey Holliday and family of Fort Worth, spent last Sunday with the family of Mrs. E. B. Melton.

W. M. Koonce, Sam Boyd and Dr. Jim Simmons were here from Boyd Monday.

Pastor W. H. Baker and family were Dallas visitors Monday.

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Scott & Gose, well known land and oil operators, have closed a deal for the Farmer ranch of nine thousand acres in Archer county. This body of land is recognized as being in the oil belt, and the new owners expect to make it the biggest oil field in Archer county.

Jewell Gibbon was here Monday from Amarillo visiting the family of C. C. Lewis.

Dr. A. Q. Gentry was here from Haskell this week.

H. T. Henry and family left this week to make their home in Burk Burnett during the winter.

Mrs. Fred Milligan was here from Greenwood Tuesday.

E. P. Gibson and family were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Fred Milligan of Greenwood, marketed calves in Fort Worth Tuesday.

W. F. Johnson of Cleburne, was here Saturday on business.

Dr. H. C. Eargle of Fort Worth, was here last Friday and Saturday.

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Drummond Burch was up from Rhome Tuesday.

R. H. Barney, Ira Stepp, Grover Cleveland and Walter Wood left on Wednesday for Adrian, where they will do construction work on the John Scott ranch.

State Game Warden Walter Boyd and wife spent the latter part of last week with relatives and friends here.

Frank Melton was up several days from Fort Worth.

Mrs. George Neilson has returned from a visit to Fort Worth and Marlin.

John Rector and family left this week to spend the winter on the John Scott ranch near Adrian. Mr. Rector will have charge of the ranch.

Tax Collector and Mrs. P. R. Baits have been making the rounds of the different towns of the county the past two weeks collecting taxes. Mr. Baits reports collections not so good.

Mrs. Charles Wright and children of Olney, have been the guests of Mrs. Virgie Fowler.

Charlie Montgomery of Greenwood, was here Tuesday.

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Pastor W. H. Baker of the First Methodist church, has announced a special Armistice Day program at his church on next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. Baker is himself an ex-service man, and he is preparing some interesting features for the service, to which the public generally is invited, with a special invitation to all ex-service men.

Mrs. J. V. Prunty spent last Friday in Fort Worth with Lady Bess, who was on her way to Waco for a visit.

Orville Fralin and wife of Crosbyton, are visiting in Decatur.

"Pride of Texas" flour is made right—right here. Ask for it by name.

Mr. Leary of the old first of Fralin & Leary, druggists at Boyd, was in Decatur Monday.

Decatur Home and School Club will meet at the high school building on next Tuesday afternoon, November 13th, at four o'clock. All those interested in the welfare and up-building of the school and its facilities are urged to attend to take part in the meeting. This is a worthy cause and should receive the support of Decatur people who have the interest of the schools at heart.

Mrs. J. V. Prunty's mother, Mrs. Dixon, of Vernon, was her week-end guest last week.

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Frank P. Timberlake, merchant prince of Wichita Falls, was in the city Wednesday.

Attorney J. V. Patterson was in Chico on legal business this week.

Dr. P. J. Fullingim was in Fort Worth Tuesday on business.

The handsome home of Alf Brown is nearing completion.

Mrs. M. E. Carroll of Fort Worth, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. S. J. Madden.

Mrs. W. E. McGee, Miss Mary Jo Troxell and Mrs. Claud Shaw were here from Rhome Wednesday.

Julian E. Ward was here from Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Mrs. P. J. Fullingim left Wednesday for a visit to San Francisco, California.

Boys, try that retail size in hair oil for twenty-five cents at Roe Shoemaker's shop.

Don't forget the bargain days for Messenger subscriptions. See advertisement on page eight of this issue. From November 9th to December 15th the price of Wise county's best newspaper is one dollar for one year.

Miss Beatrice Kuteman is guest of Mrs. Guinn Williams.

Decatur Ku Klux Klan has rented the hall upstairs in the Messenger building and will fit up a lodge room there. The first meeting of the local klau in the new hall will be held next Monday night.

You are the sole cause of your grocer's not keeping in stock "Pride of Texas" flour by not calling for it by name.

M. P. Mask left this week for Saint Louis to buy new goods for his stores in Decatur and Bridgeport.

The Decatur College Indians will go to Arlington Saturday to play a football game with Grubbs College. A number of local boosters will accompany the team.

J. J. Rieger was in Dallas on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd of Galveston, were guests of the family of L. C. Boyd Sunday.

Miss Jackie Gose visited in Fort Worth yesterday.

Bring your turkeys, eggs and produce to A. D. Reeves for the best prices.

Work is progressing nicely on the new highway in the Chico district. The concrete work is under way and the right-of-way is being graded.

W. H. Scarborough of Fort Worth, was here yesterday boosting the big jubilee to be held in Fort Worth beginning Sunday, November 11th, and continuing four days. Mr. Scarborough stated that everything would be free, and he extended a sincere and hearty invitation to the Decatur people to "come down and play with us."

Second-hand Ford car for sale cheap. Zack Lillard.

County Clerk Jim Belew has been enjoined by an order from Amarillo court against destroying the ballots of last November's election in which Earle B. Mayfield was elected United States senator. George B. Peddy had the writ of injunction sued out in an effort to keep Mr. Mayfield from taking his seat as member of the senate. The Wise county ballots had not been destroyed.

If you use hair tonic, why not get the best—it costs no more. Retail size bottles at Shoemaker's barber shop.

Ed Clark was here from Greenwood Wednesday.

Luther Atcheson, Harrison Hall, W. S. Doyle, G. W. Durham and Robert Durham were here Wednesday from Slidell.

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Jack Rudd and Captain Elbert Brown were here Wednesday from Greenwood.

Dr. T. A. Moore of Greenwood, left Monday for Vera, where he will locate for the practice of medicine.

Fred Belew and daughter, Miss Luzelle, were here this week from Thalia.

The Valley View school opened on last Monday with Professor Reuben Moore of this city as superintendent and Miss Theo Davis as assistant.

No confusing variety, but all of the latest and best hair dressings and oils in retail sizes at Shoemaker's barber shop.

The L. A. L. Club met Wednesday night with Miss Annie Rhine. There were eleven members present. After a very busy hour spent in sewing and embroidery work the club visited Mrs. Homer Williamson and surprised her with a shower.

Jefferson G. Smith, state supervisor of rural schools in Texas, will be in Wise county to begin work of inspecting rural state aid schools on Monday, November 12th. All schools must have everything ready for the inspector when he arrives.

Mrs. R. E. Collins' Sunday school class will have charge of Wednesday night's prayer meeting at the First Methodist church. The class will put on a church clinic. Come and find out your ailments. Dr. Nobles will be present.

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Circle two of Missionary Society of the Methodist church will open a woman's exchange soon, where household articles will be sold and exchanged for a small per cent. If you have anything you desire to sell or exchange, list it with the exchange. Phone Miss Alma Mae Dallas for particulars. A Saturday market will be conducted by the circle; pies, cakes dressed, chicken, etc. for sale.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Y. Stem were here yesterday from Slidell.

Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" at the Majestic tonight.

Mrs. Sam Lyons of Sunset, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp.

Mayor Earl Douglass has been confined to his home several days an account of an operation on his throat.

For all kinds of dress making, see or phone Mrs. Le Roy Blackburn, Ind. phone 270.

The ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society will observe their annual week of prayer with an all-day program at the church on Thursday, November 15th. The offering of the day will be sent to the Laura Haygood School in Soochow, China, and Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tennessee. All members are urged to attend the program.

Jack Rieger was in Sanger yesterday on business.

J. A. Simpson and family will leave today for a visit to Aledo.

See Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" at the Majestic.

C. B. Gunn, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, has been improving of late and his condition is considered very favorable. While his left side is paralyzed, it is believed he will soon be able to be up again. His many friends are glad to hear of his improvement.

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FOR SALE.

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to old age and failing health, I will sacrifice my home farm for less than the improvements are worth. Have 130 acres, one-half in cultivation; level; no Johnson grass or washes; crops this year will pay for land it grows on; good buildings; soft water; water works; hog wire fencing; ripe fruit from May until frost; grade school; 4½ miles northeast Decatur; graded roads; rural route; easy payments, low interest.—W. M. STEVENSON, Decatur, route eight. (41-1f)

FOR SALE—Fifteen head of good mules and horses; also wheelers, Fresno scrapers, etc. See R. H. BARNEY, J. A. SIMPSON or SECURITY STATE BANK, Decatur. (39-1f)

FOR SALE—White Holland turkeys; toms, \$6; hens, \$4.—GEORGE W. FOSTER, Decatur, route five. (46)

FOR SALE—Pure bred big-bone bronze turkeys; toms, \$10; hens, \$6. First prize on old tom and young tom at 1923 county fair.—MRS. FRED THOMASON, Decatur. (47)

WANTED.

WANTED—Single man to work on farm by month.—R. B. RUCKER, route five, Decatur. (46)

FREE

A Big Dollar Jar
FELICE COLD CREAM FREE
with every purchase of a dollar box of

Poudre
FELICE
de Corday
The Great French Creation

While Poudre Felice is deservedly renowned for its exquisite bouquet, its dainty tint and its superior texture, its greatest distinction and over-shadowing supremacy lies in its unequalled affinity for the skin. It STAYS ON—under all conditions—resisting successfully sun, wind and perspiration; yet, without irritating the skin without conspicuousity, imparting in a natural and almost imperceptible manner, a youthful freshness and softness to the complexion.

\$2.00 Value for \$1.00

Felice Cold Cream, a dollar jar of which you get FREE on this special sale, has been christened the "Matchless Cosmetic" by thousands of charming and discriminating women, because of its unparalleled virtue in improving the complexion. Nothing equals it. Being a single purpose cream—not a multi-purpose one—its sole function is to cleanse the skin, freeing it of all impurities, and it does its work WELL—better than any other product of its kind. We want everyone of our women customers to have a jar of this marvelous cream—but don't wait until the supply is exhausted; come in today!

For sale by
EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY

Congressman Guinn Williams spent several days in Mineral Wells this week.

Yes. "Pride of Texas" flour is as white, will bake as good and is fully guaranteed as any flour sold in Wise county.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Green, on Friday, November 2nd, 1923, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stokes, on Sunday, November 4th, 1923, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Lee, on Sunday, November 4th, 1923, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collins, on Monday, November 5th, 1923, a daughter.

President J. L. Ward of Decatur College, was a Fort Worth visitor yesterday.

Mrs. E. N. Browning of Iowa Park, visited friends and relatives in the city yesterday.

We pay the best cash prices for all produce and pecans. A. D. Reeves.

The old expert watch-maker repairs all kinds of Swiss, English and American watches. And the only way you can find out is to bring your watches to me and I will guarantee that when you get them they will keep exact time. Have had about forty-nine years of experience. Give me a trial and I will please you. S. B. Johnson, next door to post office.

There have been weighed at Chico cotton yard up to Thursday noon nearly eleven hundred bales of cotton. With just one month of fair weather now the number would reach close to fifteen hundred bales.—Chico Review.

The high school Cowboys will go to Jacksboro today for a game with the high school there. The locals have about recovered from their injuries and expect to put up a good game.

Lillard Milling Company is installing a mammoth feed crusher at the mill, with an expenditure of about \$8,000.

M. T. Oates was here yesterday from Rhome.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rainwater, on Thursday, November 1st, 1923, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Eules Blackburn, on Monday, November 5th, 1923, a daughter.

See Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" at Majestic tonight.

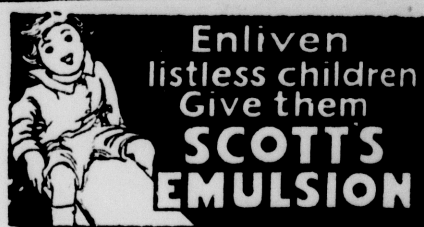
Prominent Ft. Worth Citizen Found Dead

Mrs. S. A. Lillard, Jr., yesterday received the sad news of the sudden death of her father, W. S. Jarrett, who was found dead at his home early Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Lillard left at once for Fort Worth and will accompany the remains to the old family home in Tennessee, where interment will take place. Mr. Jarrett had resided in Fort Worth for twenty-one years, and was highly respected by scores of good friends in that city. He had frequently visited his daughter in Decatur, and he had many warm personal friends in Decatur. He is survived by his wife and four children.

CUPID'S CAPERS

E. C. Layfield and Miss Lottie Taylor.
V. N. Blankenship and Miss Cora Phillips.
I. J. Hartsell and Miss Gladys Elder.

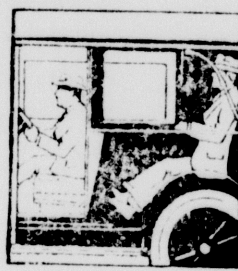
Messenger bargain days—November 9th to December 15th—one year Messenger for one dollar!



Enliven listless children Give them SCOTT'S EMULSION

Overland Champion Electrifies the Nation

PUBLIC interest and demand immediately following the announcement of the new Overland Champion is bewildering. Study these pictures. Adjustable seats!—big loading space!—a veritable sleeping car for camping trips!—doors front and rear!—bigger engine!—every closed car comfort!—cord tires!—other wonderful new features.



Seats adjust forward and back for tall and short people.



Big loading space by removing rear seat and upholstery.

NEW Overland \$695
CHAMPION

Rieger Bros' SALE of SALES

Ten more days of the greatest selling event in the history of Wise County. Ask your neighbors and friends about it. Prices cut and slashed in all the departments. Our store was full of customers last Saturday and Monday despite the rain—and they were anxious to make their fall purchases. Don't forget the date—ten more days of this great sale! Fifteen salespeople ready and anxious to wait on you. Every item marked in plain figures.

THE PRICE IS THE THING—AND WE MAKE THE PRICE!

Rieger Bros.

West Side Square, Decatur, Texas

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index).

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

HOME PAPER AS AN EDUCATION POWER

Rev. A. D. Roberts, pastor of the Baptist church, has been employed as principal of the Grub Hill school, the fall term of which opened Monday.

S. A. Lillard and son, S. A. Lillard Jr., brother and nephew of the local manager of the Bridgeport Brick Company, were over from Decatur Thursday to attend the barbecue.

Miss Tommie Singleton and B. G. Stone were happily united in marriage last Saturday night at the home of Rev. Frank House, whose services were invoked to solemnize the sacred vows.

Professor Ross Alexander, member of A. & M. College faculty, was here first of the week on a visit to the family of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander. He is making a circuit of the country in the interest of the vocational department of the college at Bryan and stopped here over night.

Rev. George F. Boyd is starting a little goat ranch at his home and proposes to slake an inordinate thirst for the lactated fluid by indulging in the free use of goat milk. He recently ordered and last week received a pair of registered Toggenburg goats from California. One of them is a prize winner, taking the blue ribbon at the last state show. Both goats are nannies, and delivered in Bridgeport cost the good brother over one hundred dollars.



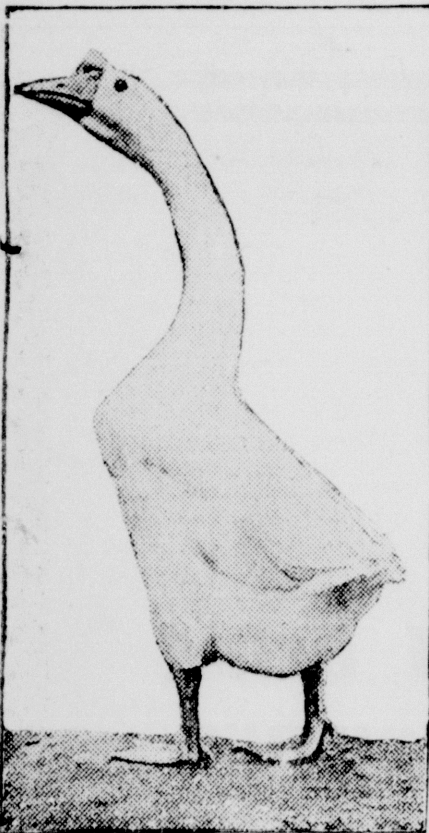
GEESSE MOST PECULIAR FOWL

Chinese Breed Much Different From Others as Gender Will Mate With Several Females.

Of all our domestic fowls, geese are the most peculiar of all of them in several ways. With the wild or Canadian breed it is customary for one gander or male to mate with only one female, occasionally with two, but this is somewhat rare.

The Chinese breed is much different from any of the others, inasmuch as one gander will frequently mate with five or six females, and commonly with four or more, while the Toulouse, Emden and African usually mate with a single female or in pairs or occasionally with two females, thus comprising a trio.

Egyptian and Canadian ganders will not breed until they are two years old. While most yearlings of other breeds have breeding ability they are not often used, as they are at their best from three to five years of age, and can then be kept from three to five years for breeding purposes, or until seven or eight years of age in most cases. Many ganders and females are good breeders at ten years of age and in extreme instances, ganders twenty years of age have been known. Geese



White Chinese Gander.

are much longer lived than any other of our domestic fowls.

It is a common practice to mate old females with young ganders and old ganders with young females.

Matings with geese are often permanent unless changed by the breeder, and for this reason any matings that are to be changed should be changed in the fall so that several months may elapse before the breeding season. Ganders are very savage during the breeding season, and for that reason it is best to keep each mating penned to itself to prevent the ganders injuring each other.

YOUNG POULTS RELISH CURD

Addition of Few Onion Tops Chopped Fine Is Recommended—Much Danger of Overfeeding.

There is no better feed for the young poults than sour curd into which has been placed a few onion tops chopped fine. Rolled oats will also be relished. There is danger of overfeeding at the start. Better not feed them anything for 24 hours after they are hatched. The yolk of the egg will then be absorbed from the system and food more easily digested.

Last Monday morning Robert, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCanne, fell off his Shetland pony and broke his arm between the wrist and elbow.

Once more it becomes our duty to chronicle the passing of another good man, G. D. Lancaster. Mr. Lancaster died at Fort Worth Sunday morning at one-thirty at the Harris sanitarium after an operation, never reviving from the effects of the ether.

The late rains have damaged the peanut and hay crop and cotton is damaged some. It is stated, however, if the weather would fair up there would be several more bales of cotton to gin. It is reported that Denton creek got very high and that bridges were washed away. Sandy also got up but we do not know whether any bridges were washed away on this creek or not.

Mrs. H. R. Strong sold her calf this week to Dolph Conley, who took charge Thursday. Mrs. Strong has been in the business here about fourteen months and during that time had built up a good business, and her many customers will regret to learn of her selling out. But they will be glad to learn that the business is in efficient hands and Mr. Conley will give the people service.

SLIDELL NEWS.

Paul Moyers and family moved to Hall county last week.

J. E. Witherspoon was here from Denton Saturday on his way to his farm northwest of Slidell.

A delightful Halloween party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Gage Wednesday evening.

A new stairway has been added to the school building to serve as a fire escape from the second floor.

Rev. C. C. Griffiths filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, despite the muddy roads.

R. A. Greenhaw and family have returned to their former home in Ellis county, after a year on the Sullivan ranch.

Mrs. Tom Watson has been in Denton the past week at the bedside of her grandfather, who has been very sick.

A box supper will be given at the school auditorium on next Saturday to raise funds for paying for painting the class rooms of the school building. Everybody invited.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. D. Anderson by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the forty-third judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said forty-third judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the 4th Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on docket of said court as No. 5257, wherein Mrs. Cynthia Anderson is plaintiff and C. D. Anderson is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the state of Texas, and has resided in Wise county, Texas, for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit and that defendant's residence is unknown; that on or about the 3rd day of September, 1905, plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married and continued to live together as man and wife until about the 15th day of July, 1922, on which date plaintiff was forced to leave defendant on account of his cruel, harsh and unkind treatment of this plaintiff; that during the time plaintiff and defendant lived together as aforesaid, plaintiff was kind and affectionate towards defendant, and that there were born to them three children to-wit, Forest Anderson, Dorothy Anderson and Vedus Anderson, which children this plaintiff has cared for and supported since the separation as aforesaid and that defendant has not contributed to their support; that the action, conduct and cruel treatment of defendant towards plaintiff is of such a nature as to render their further living together as man and wife insupportable.

Wherefore the plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and that she have judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony which now exist between plaintiff and defendant and for the care and custody of said minor children and for such other relief, special and general, that she may be justly entitled to.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Nov 2-23)

Why do you take the home paper? To get the news of course. What is news? Information. And what is information? Why, information is nothing more or less than education. And what is education? Well, now you have us cornered. Education is almost everything. It can be good or bad; it can be constructive or destructive; it can be helpful or it can be harmful. It all depends on your nature and your application of education and the kind you get. And where you get. And we are a firm believer in the theory that the home newspaper is one of the greatest educational institutions in America.

There are in the state of Texas alone nearly twelve hundred newspapers, and of these about eight hundred are going out of as many offices directly into the homes of the people in one state alone in one week and every week of the year. Are they read? Yes, every word of the home paper is read every week by almost every member of the family. Perhaps not all the inside material is read, but every word of local interest, every word of local color of any tint, every word that will in any way affect local conditions.

If the home school is ever improved, if the rural church is ever redeemed to its former activities, if the good road movement ever touches the cross-roads, if the community fair is a success, if the county fair is ever put over—it depends on education of all the people of the country thru the columns of the home paper. If the county as a whole unit ever grows, if it keeps pace with other counties—it must come by the editors keeping pace with one another and sending out to the people of their home counties every good item their observation and exchanges may gather.

We sometimes wonder if the people actually stop to think what their home would be like and what their county would be like, what their town would be like, without the knowledge that leaks into their civic and home life thru the columns of the home paper. And its cost? How many school books will you have to buy this year if the state does not supply them for your children? We want to watch this just a few months and see how the price of one school book for one child for a few months will compare with the price of your home paper for the whole family for a whole year. Now don't forget. Begin with the reader, you have to get for the children and everybody has to get school books, or used to.

But the purpose of this story is to give the patrons of the home papers our late president's idea of his home paper and the ideas kept before his helpers in the publication of the Marion Star. Evidently Warren G. Harding had a keen consciousness of the power and influence of the home paper he published. And he must have felt the responsibility of a real educator in his relation to patrons of his paper. And the fact that his newspaper ideals not only lifted his whole community to a higher plane but that keeping to those ideals led him to the white house is no bad example for any newspaper worker or publisher, and proves without a doubt what a newspaper can be to its publisher, its community and the state when its ideas are that of clean service and real education to all the people.

Posted on the wall of the editorial room of the Marion Star were such mottoes as these: "Be Truthful, be fair and above all be clean." "Get the facts. Mistakes are inevitable but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story exactly right than one hundred half wrong." "Be decent, be fair, be generous." "Remember there are two sides to every question. Get both." "Boost—don't kick. There's good in everybody. Bring out the good in everybody and never needlessly hurt the feelings of anybody." "In reporting a political gathering, get the facts; tell the story as it is and not as you would like to have it." "Treat all parties alike. If there is any politics to be played we will play it in our editorial columns." "Treat all religious matters reverently." "If it can possibly be avoided, never bring iniquity to an innocent woman or child in telling of the misdeeds or the misfortune of a relative. Don't wait to be asked but do it without asking." "And above all be clean; never let a dirty word or a suggestive story get into type." "I want the paper so conducted that it can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child."

We heard the mother of a small family of children say one other day, "I hate to do it, but I believe I will have to stop our state daily paper because the children are getting so many bad lessons from it." Sure there was a lot of good in the paper also, but the children, like the older children, wanted to know the bad things that were going on and how they happened. There is a lot of good in the picture show too, but is that any excuse for the wrong lessons taught there? If mothers have a right to censor the picture show and tell the picture show man what to show and what not to show, why has she not the same right to demand a clean newspaper for her children's education? If mothers have a right to clean up the school and the home and the state, why have they not a right to demand a clean newspaper for their homes?

We believe the home paper is the cleanest publication in the market.

It does not have room for the unclean things. It is too local, too human, to want to air the worst things in the worst way. It is too close to home. And then give the editor credit. He does not needlessly want to hurt the feelings of anyone and often leaves things out he might like to say. But he does not say them. Then why does not every home have the home paper in it? It will cost no more than some of the text books you may have to buy and it will be an educational force in your home the whole year.—Phoebe K. Warner.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. Owens and the unknown heirs of H. Owens, J. A. Boone and the unknown heirs of J. A. Boone, Pearl Vaughan and the unknown heirs of Pearl Vaughan, whose place of residence are unknown, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur on the fourth Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5297, wherein H. B. Pearson is plaintiff and H. Owens et al are defendants, and said petition alleging suit in trespass to try title to the following described real estate situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit: Lots Nos. seven and eight in block No. nineteen in the town of Paradise, Texas.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return therein, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 12th day of October, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Oct 19-Nov 9)

"Blood and Sand" at the Majestic tonight. See it!

Howdy, friend!

Come to Fort Worth and help Celebrate the founding of the Texas city that still breathes the old pioneer spirit—the spirit of fellowship and militant Americanism. It was seventy-five years ago that a handful of pioneers banded themselves together on the banks of the Trinity river where now stands the Tarrant County court house and builded a fortress of oaken logs and set up for themselves a community that has since grown into the forty-third city of the nation. All railroads have ordered reduced rates so that a visit to Fort Worth can be made at the least possible expense. The celebration is a combination of the seventy-fifth and fiftieth birthdays of what is now Fort Worth. It was fifty years ago that the city was incorporated.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

All entertainment supplied by the executive committee is to be free. There will be no shell games, no grafting or taking. The great pageant participated in by twenty-five hundred people will be free. The entertainments of the "pioneer village" are to be free. The flying circus and all western features will be free. A small charge is to be made to those desiring to attend the victory balls given by the American Legion, because thru this method the Legion can support its disabled buddies. The big college football games will make entrance charge. Everything else will be free.

Four Days of Fun, Frolic and Frivolity.

Thirty Bands Will Contest.

The Thirty-sixth and Ninetieth Divisions Are Coming Home—and One Day Has Been Given to Them for Military Events.

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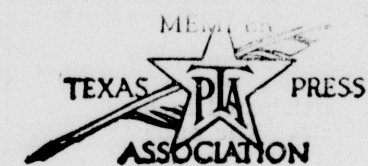
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Friday Morning, November 9th, 1923.



Trade at home.

There is no substitute for sweat.

The German mark has dropped out of sight.

Messenger bargain days—November 9th to December 15th.

Dallas mothers with dubante buds are battling for places in the front procession at the comin' out balls.

It's the good you do as you trudge along

That fills your heart with a bit of a song.

Secretary Weeks says Henry Ford is not performing as a good citizen should perform. Probably Mr. Weeks is biased in his view of Henry.

Skygak, Messenger's pre-possessing philosopher of 'Possum Path, says Castoria is a name entirely too laxative to be carried by a young lady.

At this stage of the game it appears that the tall and uncut will be a crowded domain when the political questions begin popping next year.

The old sister who fails to practice religion in her daily life is very much out of pocket when she makes herself conspicuous by religious activities in the church on Sabbath days.

It seems that the grafters have been busy in filching the veterans' funds for some time, and if Uncle Sam gives the robbers their just desert new cots will appear in the cells at the federal prisons.

Those of the grand army who refused to take Messenger's advice, given out last week are now sniffling. Those who patriotically accepted the advice, and put 'em on, are enjoying the bracing duck weather.

The Denton fair was held in a rain. Thousands of patriotic town and country people told the miserable weather man to step-to, and they turned out to see the fine displays. Score another tally for old Denton.

The Messenger's annual bargain days—November 9th thru December 15th—you get this great moral and religious weekly for \$1.00 per year. Present subscribers may set their subscriptions ahead at the same rate.

Next week will be Texas Industrial Week. In addition it ought to be a week when all local people will take stock of their relation to the home town and realize how they must support and protect it with their trade patronage as first essential to future growth and progress.

The Kalamazoo, Michigan, Gazette quotes tender round steak at fourteen cents per pound; fancy sirloin steak, fourteen cents; yearling lamb shoulder, thirteen cents; lamb stews, six cents. Surely this is not a report from the Kalamazoo, Michigan, that is some two thousand miles from the grazing grounds of the cattle and sheep that are slaughtered and offered at such prices!

Decatur folks, let's plant trees and shrubs and vines everywhere this fall and winter to minimize the effects of withering suns' glare next summer. Why not put on a general tree planting campaign? It can be done very inexpensively. The creek and branch bottoms around Decatur are full of young hackberry and elm and other kinds of native sprouts that may be uprooted and transferred at a little cost now.

Too bad that old Volstead became a saviour of his country before Fort Worth pulled its diamond jubilee. Imagine what a jam-up jubilee the old cow town could put on if it had its Standard theater, the Holland at its flaming peak of popularity; and the White Elephant, Silver Dollar and the Board of Trade. With Luke Short, Jim Courtwright and their kind and kidney to keep the festivities moving. Jubilee! And then some!

Mother is always a ready listener to your day's performance, and nine times out of ten dad would prove likewise if you would only give him the chance, young folks.

Hunting in many sections of the United States is a rich man's game primarily. This is true particularly of duck hunting. If you wish to hunt ducks with any degree of success on the east coast, the west coast or the gulf coast you must belong to a gun club. Private hunting reserves with guides are necessary to make it a sport. But here in North Texas hunting is a sport for everyone—poor and rich alike. With a gun and ability to shoot any hunter can bring back plenty of ducks.—Electra News.

Wise county sportsmen are finding objections to the manner in which the Fort Worth young men, off for a day from their duties at the Main and Houston street hasheries, invade the sacred duck precincts of this domain. It is claimed by the bull's eye hitting nimrods of Wise that the Fort Worth contingent become frightened at the sight of the swarms of ducks on our lakes and lagoons and become so wild and unlady-like in their deportment that all fowl life in this section is made skittish and gun-shy.

Met an old rounder the other day; one of the boys who used to cut-up and put on shows while under the influence of red whiskey. Reformation has set up and we noticed the change. Before Volstead's days he traveled all the gaits, and never missed a heat. When we asked him the cause, etc. of the change he smiled a smile, child-like and bland, and remarked: "Well, you see when liquor burnt out my flues I became a temperance advocate, and when something else cooled my rambunctiousness I awoke a defender of virtue." We eyed him, then deduced that Volstead, or mean whiskey, and the old grizzled fellow with seythe and hour glass had called a reckoning.

In the last issue was given water rates of a number of towns in Texas. These towns, with the exception of Amarillo, own the plants. In quite a number of cities the size of Childress the waterworks are owned by individuals or corporations. As a rule the towns in which corporations have control the rates are much higher. This is accounted for by reason of the fact the private owners endeavor to make rates high enough to pay running expenses and at the same time pay a dividend on the money invested. To do this it is necessary, in many instances, to charge more for the service given than those cities which own the systems. Childress is indeed fortunate that the city owns the waterworks system, thus being able to sell water at a cost slightly above the expense of keeping up the plant.—Childress Index.

On Making Mistakes.

We made a mistake in last week's issue of the Sentinel. A good subscriber told us about it. The same day there was a letter in our post office box that didn't belong to us. We called for ninety-eight over the telephone and got one ninety-eight. We asked for a spool of fifty thread and when we got home we found it was sixty. The train was reported thirty minutes late, so we arrived at the depot twenty minutes after train time and the train was gone. We got our milk bill and there was a mistake of ten cents in our favor. We felt sick and the doctor said we were eating too much meat—we hadn't tasted meat for two months. The garage man said the jitney was missing because it needed a new timer. We cleaned the spark plug and it's run fine ever since. Yes, we made a mistake in last week's issue of the paper.—Glen (Kansas) Sentinel.

There are about thirty-three letters and pieces in each line of type set in the paper and there are thirty-three times thirty-three chances of errors in each line. There are 5,412 pieces in a column and 29,289,744 chances to make a mistake besides innumerable chances of having inaccurate statements made. Figure it up for yourself. There are fifty-six columns in the Miner each week and each column runs the same chances of mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes; that's why rubbers are put on lead pencils.—Ely (Minnesota) Miner.

An English Classic.

Printers as a rule admire a well written paragraph. Their association with the best thought of the world gives them an appreciation of precise English. They look upon words with much the same regard as an artist does upon his colors or as a worker in mosaic does upon his little blocks of many-hued stones, which, of themselves, express but little; but when placed in the hands of a master, who knows the value and relation of the delicate shades tints, and full essence of colors, they lend themselves to form some rare work of art, which awakens an urge of admiration in the most unobserving sufficient to give pause. Yes, printers do delight in a well written paragraph. That's why we quote here a classic in English, on a frog, written by a Norwegian lad in the graded schools of Chicago. Read it twice, for the first time it may appear only funny, but it's far more than that:

"What a wonderful bird the frog are! When he stand he sit, almost. When he hop he fly, almost. He ain't got not sense hardly. He ain't got no tail hardly, either. When he sit he sit on what he ain't got, almost."—Exchange.

20 YEARS AGO

Messenger Nov. 6, 1903

M. Cotner of Greenwood, passed thru town Monday on his way to Lone Wolf, Indian Territory, to visit his son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Van Meter Jr. and daughter and son of Rhome, were here trading yesterday, and while here dropped in to see us make Messengers.

John Kendall is making lots of friends and selling lots of goods if he doesn't go broke by selling so cheap. He certainly beats everything for bargains. Just where he gets his goods from no one but John knows.

Mr. C. D. Cates and son, Archie, went to Fort Worth Sunday morning for the purpose of continuing the examination and treatment of the latter's eyes. Archie has been in the dark room five months, and it will be gratifying to his friends and relatives to know that the doctor entertains hopes of the complete recovery of his eye-sight.

Our business men all had a fine trade Monday. The prohibitive tax on circuses should be removed so these institutions could visit small towns, then such days as last Monday would be more frequent in our small towns. People need such recreation as shows afford, and a good circus is a good thing for town and country people alike.

Postmaster T. L. Ball informed a reporter for this paper this week that during the month just closed the three rural mail carriers out of Decatur delivered and collected 10,528 pieces of mail. This is something over five hundred in excess of the number of pieces required handed by the government. The people appreciate the rural service.

It is stated on what seems to be good authority that Harry Halsell, the Decatur cattle man, is a candidate for governor of Texas on the prohibition ticket. He is chairman of the state executive committee and will probably have little opposition in securing the nomination. He is rich and can afford to spend some money to give his party a good showing in the fight.—Wichita Falls Ledger.

Severe Indigestion

"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I dared eat was a little bread and butter. . . consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

and I decided to try it, for, as I say, I had tried others for two or more years without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain. "In two or three weeks, I found I could go back to eating. I only weighed 123. Now I weigh 147—eat anything I want to, and by taking Black-Draught I do not suffer."

Have you tried Thedford's Black-Draught? If not, do so today.

Over 8 million packages sold, a year. At dealers'

Attention, Alabamians!

Senator Oscar Underwood has been feeling around in Texas the last few days, and it is said that the Kentucky gentleman is well pleased with what he felt. You understand, Oscar is being boosted for the democratic presidential nomination, and he is taking kindly to the boosting. As the season is open, other gentlemen seeking the nomination will be about in the state; so, don't be too hasty in making selections.—Wise County Messenger.

"The gentleman from Kentucky." Ye gods and little fishes! We'll bet a bunch of irate Alabamians have Dick Collins hiding out somewhere in the impenetrable thickets of Wonderful Wise.—Mineral Wells Index.

All is quiet along the banks of the streams in Wonderful Wise and all ducks are honking low. We have met the "irate Alabamians," their descendants and kinfolks by affinity and consanguinity, and all are in a happy frame of mind, and whole gobs of love are flowing from the innermost recesses of their hearts. Every little thing lovely, thank you. We explained, throwing blame on friends in Dallas, who told us that, judging by the company he kept while on a recent visit to the Texas metropolis, Oscar was a Kentuckian. But, confidentially, Editor Miller, we would rather be a "gentleman from Kentucky" than a senator from Alabama. We would.

Sidewalk Frames.

Decatur people are awaking to the fact that a nice sidewalk all curbed and guttered in concrete makes a frame that sets off a home as beautifully as a gilt frame sets off a picture. And in response to this realization it is thought that numbers of Decatur people have it in their minds to build walks and curbs and gutters to bound their premises just as early as is practical. That fine model of a street running out to the Baptist College so solidly concreted on each side and so smooth itself stands as a constant reminder of what town property and streets look like when embellished with this kind of improvement.

And when a town gets embellished all over with this kind of improvement then it has gotten out of the "hick" class and has become a town indeed.

Use "Pride of Texas" flour—equally good for pies, cakes, biscuits and bread.

Owen's Barber Shop

SHARP RAZORS
CLEAN TOWELS
GOOD WORKMANSHIP!

McMURRAY-GETTYS BLDG.

Be it ever so homely, there's no face like your own.

A Spirit of ---50-50

—Increasing numbers of people are showing a willingness to co-operate with us in the very important business of supplying electric service. When they understand the problems peculiar to our particular kind of business they seem inclined to meet us half way.

—It's not sympathy that inspires this "fifty-fifty" spirit—nor charity. Such people realize that their own personal interests and welfare are best served by such a spirit.

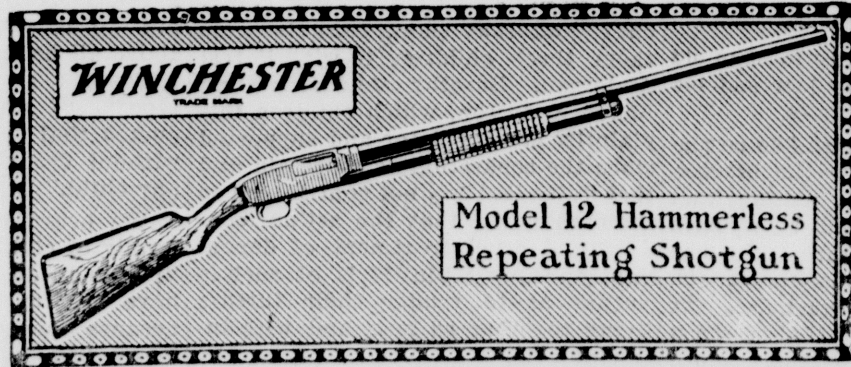
—We are always trying to improve our service—in the meantime impressing the users of our service with the importance of their full co-operation in insuring its continuous improvement. This company daily invites understanding and friendship by providing ample reason for both.

Decatur Light & Water Co.

They're in, Boys!



and thirty days will bring quail shooting. Are you prepared to enjoy the fine sport



We have what you need in equipment
Get in the game with the best in
Guns and Ammunition

LILLARD & CO.

SPLAWN'S ARTICLE ON CONSOLIDATION

Note.—This is the last of a series of four articles written by Railroad Commissioner Walter Splawn for the Messenger, concerning the consolidation of railroads.

Texas and the Consolidation of Railways.

The tentative plan which was put out by the Interstate Commerce Commission about two years ago in order to provoke criticism and to encourage the roads and the public to come before the commission and give testimony, or as the lawyers would say, to make a record, upon which the commission could base its findings, proposes that Texas should be served by four systems—the Santa-Fe, the Missouri-Pacific, the Southern-Pacific-Rock Island, and the Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt. The people of Texas, both those favoring consolidation and those opposed, have objected to these proposed systems. It is felt that if the Rock Island be given to the Southern Pacific that the Southern Pacific may lose interest in Texas ports upon the Atlantic seaboard and that we may not have in Texas water-compelled rates as in the past. The communities like Port Arthur object to the proposed Missouri-Pacific combination because the Missouri-Pacific is financially interested in New Orleans, and since the Kansas City Southern is given in the tentative plan to the Missouri Pacific, Port Arthur fears that the Missouri Pacific would route its tonnage to New Orleans and would not be as much interested in developing Texas ports. The tentative plan of consolidation proposes to give the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway to the Santa Fe. This is objectionable to most of the people served in Northwest Texas by these properties. Heretofore, as new counties and areas have developed on the Plains in the northwest part of the state, the Santa Fe and the Denver, each has constructed a feeder of short line to protect its interest in the territory. If the Denver should be given to the Santa Fe, there would no longer be any incentive to build these short lines for all of the freight whether it should go east or west by truck would have to go out or be brought in on the Santa Fe, if the Santa Fe owned the Denver. The Denver is now owned by the Burlington interests, which also own a half interest in the Trinity & Brazos Valley. The Burlington interests want to come into and across Texas to the gulf and they strenuously object to being deprived of the Denver and losing their outlet to the Gulf of Mexico. It would certainly be of advantage to Texas to have a strong system like the Burlington come into the state as a competitor to such properties as the Santa Fe.

The Frisco, the Katy and the Cotton Belt are parallel and competing lines out of St. Louis and Kansas City into Texas points. The consolidation of these roads will eliminate competition that has long existed and will not constitute a system strong enough to stand up by the side of the Union Pacific, the Burlington or the Southern Pacific or Santa Fe. That is to say, such a system would merely perpetuate the problem of the weak road, for rates that would be sufficient to sustain the Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt would bring undue prosperity to the strong systems of the west and rates that would bring a fair return to the strong systems would bankrupt the weaker Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt system.

Since congress has commanded that the Interstate Commerce Commission prepare this plan for consolidation, and since there are powerful financial interests and political interests that are opposing any modification of the law, and since we do not know what the courts will finally hold with reference to its constitutionality, it is necessary that we in Texas play safe; that is, we must get from the Interstate Commerce Commission as favorable a plan as possible, for the plan put out by the Interstate Commerce Commission may possibly be sustained and under it the railroads may consolidate in spite of all that the opponents of consolidation may do. That being true, Texas is demanding of the Interstate Commerce Commission very radical changes in its tentative proposal. For example, it is asking that whatever great systems are created west of the Mississippi river that they shall be brought into and across Texas; that the proposed Frisco-Katy-Cotton Belt consolidation be abandoned and that these properties be urged to bring such roads as the Union Pacific and the Burlington into Texas.

In that way existing competition would be preserved and the great systems would be interested in Texas and would seek to develop their Texas properties, and would encourage the agricultural, commercial and industrial development of the state. That would be an infinitely better plan than the tentative one which would fix upon the southwest two relatively weak systems that give no promise during this generation of being able to compete with the strong systems. In fact, we might have to look forward to bankruptcies, receiverships and the unsatisfactory service attending the financial failure of railroad companies. Moreover, modifications such as requested in the plan would bring across Texas much heavier tonnage than would be possible under the tentative plan, and this would encourage the rapid improvement of roadbeds, of equipment and of service.

WALTER SPLAWN.

SKYGAK WRITES OF ROMANTIC AFFAIR

When the parents of Castoria Potlocks gave her the name they thought it a fine name because they saw it in a newspaper advertisement. But when Castoria reached the age of sixteen and began to have beaux she decided her name sounded too laxative for a young lady, so she straightway shortened it to Cassie and notified her parents the change would go into effect immediately.

She was said to be one of the best girls in the country when asleep, but was troubled considerably with insomnia. When dressed in her Sunday best she appeared to be a thing of beauty and joy forever. The only objection anyone could have to her was that when she looked her best she didn't look like anything worth shucks. During the week she went in an old dress that looked like some one had used it to wipe an engine with. Her hair hung in strings and wads and looked like the rats might have a nest in it. Her feet were bare and scaly and cracked open like dried hunks of mud. One eye appeared to be peering into the future, while the other seemed to scan the past. Since the age of twenty-five she had walked with a slight limp caused from breaking both ankles while jumping at chances to get married.

But notwithstanding all this Cassie was in love—the some people may be inclined to doubt it—and and loved in return. The odoriferous swain on whom had fallen the mantle of the fair Cassie's all salivating love was christened by a fond parent, James Q. Swink, but was known to all his friends as old "Suds." Everybody liked Suds and freely predicted that he would never amount to anything, and he never did. All his life, up to the time our story opens—on his twenty-seventh birthday—had been spent in shooting craps, hunting polecats and chewing tobacco. His father had gotten him out of jail several times, and his name had been mentioned several times as a candidate for the hangman's noose.

The meeting between Cassie and Suds was of a most romantic nature. One Saturday morning about ten o'clock Suds went into the Empire Drug Store to spend a dollar he had just stolen from a blind man. While he was standing at the counter waiting for the druggist, Cassie stepped in and lighted up the store like Halley's comet. She had never seen Suds before but she gave him a look of love that would melt the spots off of a leopard and a smile sweet enough to be stickier than fly paper. Old Suds had never smiled upon before by such a vision of loveliness, so naturally his heart was thrown considerably out of plumb. It spent seconds playing back and forth from his boots to his Adam's apple. Just before he choked to death he managed to control his heart beats and stammer: "G'mornin.' How is your pa and ma?" Cassie smiled again and said: "There're well, thank you. How are you?" And just as he was about to faint dead away the druggist stepped in and saved his life by asking Cassie what she would have. Cassie said she wanted a pound of epsom salts. When the druggist had waited on her he turned to Suds and asked him what he would have. Being under such a strain the past few minutes had caused Suds to forget what he really came for, but he said he wanted a pound of salts, too. The poor sap really didn't know if it were something to eat or some new kind of freckle remover—but he figured anything that was good enough for Cassie was good enough for him.

As Cassie left the store old Suds realized that she was the only girl in the world for him, and if he lost her all the money he could steal in the next ten years would profit him nothing. So he came alive with a jerk and threw himself and his salts at her feet and asked her to marry him in thirty minutes. Cassie was so overjoyed at this proposal she jumped at the chance and hurt her ankles again.

The next being Sunday, they put on their store bought clothes and went down to the Hogford church and were married by Deacon Dubbs, who was a sort of notary public. Suds paid the deacon two barred rock hens in cash and promised a day's work next spring. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went home and set up house-keeping in an old dug-out in the side of a hill over beyond Gander Creek. They lived as happy as two bugs the first week, but after this Cassie made old Suds quit chewing tobacco and began kicking him around like a step-child. Not being satisfied with this cruel treatment she even went so far as to make him wash his feet and bathe all over. This was more than poor old Suds could stand and he swelled up and died like a poisoned pup.

When Suds' will was read it was

found that all he had left was a note for three hundred dollars past due at the bank and two years of an unexpired suspended sentence in the penitentiary.—Skygak.

EXTENSION AGENT WORK SUCCESSFUL

"The great force that re-adjusts the world originates in the home. Home conditions will ultimately mold the man's life." It was due to the realization of this fact that the farm women's part in the home demonstration work begin to assume such proportion in 1913 as to justify the agents in giving it special attention and separate definition.

So rapid and many-sided has been the development of home demonstration work in Texas, so great has the general interest in it become that it has been impossible for those responsible for its direction to keep in close touch with all phases of the work, hence an effort to measure somewhat the results accomplished can take cognizance of only the outstanding features. The newly awakened and wide-spread interest among thousands of farm girls in the study of practical home economics, the eager reaching out on the part of farm women toward the opportunities to receive practical and direct help with their immediate problems in the effort to improve their communities, homes and themselves as home-makers, the spirit of both town and country, the increasing desire for service, these intangible things—the greatest of all—can not be analyzed, measured or described. The can only be felt.

The productive work for women and girls is a part of the nutrition program of the home demonstration work. There are now more than four hundred thousand farms in Texas. In the 1920 agricultural census over thirty per cent of these farms did not report gardens; thirty-five per cent did not report chickens raised; and only fifty per cent reported milk produced. Investigation has shown malnutrition among rural children as high as seventy-five per cent in some Texas counties, traceable often to inadequate diet or to a lack of milk and fresh vegetables—hence reason for beginning our nutrition work with production of those things most essential to the diet.

Last year there was a noticeable increase of interest among women, more than five thousand being enrolled as garden demonstrators, while thirty-six hundred girls were also garden demonstrators.

The total yield of vegetables and fruits under demonstration methods this year was 2,676,826 pounds. Most of this was used at home, the quantity thus used being valued at about \$217,873.34. But the quantity sold fresh was valued at \$94,568.00, thus proving quite a source of revenue to the farm girls and women. However, the most gratifying result is in the improvement of the family diet, by the use of more vegetables and fruit.

With only fifty per cent of the farms of Texas reporting milk produced, there is certainly a big task ahead of our home demonstration workers. The interest in this phase of the work has grown more slowly than in any other. But the slow progress has been steady. In last November more than four thousand demonstrators enrolled in care and utilization of milk and milk products. Furthermore the county reports indicate that the emphasis is being placed upon the utilization of milk and milk products in the family diet rather than on the commercial aspect. This is as home demonstration work would have it and this tendency is therefore gratifying. One of the influences acting in this direction is improved school lunch project now being conducted by the extension department. It includes both cold lunch brought from home and the supplementary hot lunch dish being served in rural schools. In connection with the cold lunch, many children now take milk to school to drink. The use of milk in the hot dish is emphasized, soup, chocolate or a creamed vegetable usually being served. Seventy-two rural schools in twenty-two counties are now serving supplementary hot dishes and over nine thousand children are drinking milk at school. The improvement in health as a result of this one thing can not be estimated and over-shadows by far the money value of dairy work with women and girls. One of the important things in this connection is to stimulate the production of milk for home use on a larger number of farms.

Poultry work among both club girls and women has grown rapidly. There is a noticeable increase in the raising of turkeys, ducks, guineas and geese by both girls and women. The turkey industry is particularly a growing one in Texas, and here is an opportunity for still greater work in poultry production. Last year twenty-seven girls

and two hundred and eighty-nine women were enrolled as demonstrators. The total value of the products is reported as \$52,961.50.

There are several big aims in food preservation work. One is to put the surplus from the garden and orchard into the pantry of the farm home, to be used in the family diet when fresh fruits and vegetables are not obtainable. Another is to fill the pantry in order to save the family pocket-book and a third is to add to the family income by sale of products.

Many thousands of pounds of meat have been cured and thousands of pounds of sausage, soap and other products have been made under home demonstration methods. The total value of this work is reported as \$331,397.59.

Meat canning of all kinds has come to be a large part of the food preservation work in Texas. The price of beef cattle, hogs and other livestock has gone down. Meat at the market remained high. In most sections of the state it is difficult to save meat. The use of the steam pressure, of sanitary cans and sealer has made the work easy and has insured the quality of the product. The canning of beef, pork and chickens has become very popular.

In all food work lessons in nutrition have been emphasized. Each kind of food has been studied with reference to its place in the diet, but in the girls' plan of work there is a definite outline in cookery required for each year. The women have been deeply interested in all phases of food preparation. The utilization of vegetables, eggs and milk in the diet and the making of better bread have been emphasized. Salad and bread demonstrations have been popular.

Clothing work in Texas is certainly showing the result of the intensive efforts of a clothing specialist co-operating with district and county home demonstration agents.

Last year there were enrolled in various phases of clothing work more than twelve thousand demonstrators. Many thousands of sewing bags, caps, aprons, towels, holders and other simple articles were made. Over five and one-half thousand dresses were made and about eleven thousand garments were remodeled. Many curtains, table sets and rugs were made for the improvement of the interior of the homes.

It is impossible even to estimate the work that has been done in the improving of homes of club girls and women. More than four thousand were enrolled as home improvement demonstrators in four hundred and nine communities, but all regularly enrolled club girls are required to do something to improve their homes, either inside or outside. More than eighteen hundred club girls' rooms have been improved. Hundreds of curtains, rugs, table and dresser sets have been made. Furniture has been renovated, walls papered, floors varnished and stained, houses screened and other things to numerous to mention have been done.

County, district and state fairs, community meetings and contests of various kinds, shirt courses, etc. are used as mediums for carrying forward this work and due to the co-operation of the club women of Texas, the chambers of commerce, the rural and state press, rural and state schools, teachers, farmers and farm women remarkable achievement has been made during the past year. A conservative estimate would indicate that a financial saving had been made to the farm homes in Texas of over three and one-half million dollars thru vegetable and fruit production and preservation, the conservation of meat, production of milk and milk products, the production of poultry and poultry products and the making of a variety of articles for home wearing apparel, etc.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Armistice day will be observed at the eleven o'clock hour at the First Baptist church next Sunday. Old Glory will be unfurled and the church will be appropriately decorated. The pastor will speak on "The Significance of Armistice Day," and the choir will render patriotic music. The ex-service men are invited to meet with us and all who come will be considered honor guests of the occasion.

Our revival meeting will begin a week from next Sunday. There were three additions to the church last Sunday and the revival spirit was manifested in the services. Members are manifesting a hopeful and earnest spirit concerning the coming revival. The pastor will preach at seven-fifteen next Sunday and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and worship with us.—R. E. Bell.

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Use Blue Star Remedy for eczema, itch, tetter or cracked hands, ring worms, chapped face, poison oak, sunburns, old sores or sores on children. It relieves all forms of sore feet. For sale by Sanders & Ingram.

"Pride of Texas" flour is made right—right here. Ask for it by name.

METHODIST CHURCH

We are delighted with the splendid reception tendered us by the good people of Decatur. We already love the town and feel like we are part of it.

We would call your attention to our special Armistice Day services next Sunday at eleven o'clock. All ex-service men especially invited.

You have an invitation to attend all of our services. You will find a welcome at our church. All our services are bright, brief and brotherly.—W. Harrison Baker, pastor.

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—Every house-wife ought to have a checking account. It's business-like, it's convenient and automatically gives you a receipt for every bill that you pay.

—No more disputes with the grocers, the butchers or other merchants. Your cancelled check shows that you have paid the bill and that is all there is to it. And you don't have to worry about keeping any large amount of money in the house. Any reasonable deposit entitles you to a checking account at this bank. And we welcome new accounts.

—Special courtesies shown to women depositors here.

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—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

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Don't think of Pangburn's candies merely as confections. They are much more than that—they are wonderfully concentrated foods—an almost endless variety of delectable combinations of nuts, fruits, maple, richest cream and purest chocolate.

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Farm Loans

—The Federal Land Bank of Houston offers loans to farmers on conservative values with liberal dependable service. Write or see W. P. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, Decatur National Farm Loan Association.

LOCAL RADIO CLUB
TO MEET TUESDAY

The radio fans of this community are called to meet at the chamber of commerce room next Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing a radio club. There are hundreds of radio bugs in this section, and there are many advantages to be gained by the proper organization.

Charles P. Nash will fit up a large receiving set with loud speaker attached in the hall for use Tuesday night, and entertaining programs will be tuned in during the evening.

If you have a radio set it is important that you attend this meeting and assist in the new organization. The meeting is called for seven-thirty o'clock.

SALESMEN MAKING
THEIR MARKS HIGH

J. Newton Barker, cigar salesman, and Cress Stewart, salesman for Shafers fountain pens, called on Decatur trade on Monday and greeted their many friends here. Both these young salesmen married Decatur girls, the Misses Walcott, and they have many warm friends in this section.

Mr. Barker, better known here as "Resagos" because he put that famous cigar on the map in this section, spent his youth in Decatur, and was recognized for many years as one of the best athletes in this section. He is yet very enthusiastic about football and is anxious that Decatur College produce a winning team. Barker was formerly a member of the strong team of the old Polytechnic college, and he is now boosting the Southern Methodist University team for conference honors.

For many years Mr Stewart called on Decatur trade with a line of produce, only recently taking up the fountain pen line; hence he is well known here and is considered home-folks by Decatur people.

MARKET REPORT

November 6th.

Cotton, per pound.....	32.25 cents
Corn, per bushel.....	85 cents
Wheat, per bushel.....	\$1.12
Oats, per bushel.....	55 cents
Hay, per ton.....	\$15 to \$17
Cream, per pound.....	39 cents
Pecans, per pound.....	9 cents
Eggs, per dozen.....	35 cents
Turkeys, per pound.....	20 cents
Hens, per pound.....	12 cents
Spring fryers, per pound.....	17 cents

INSTITUTE WILL BE
HELD FOR FARMER

Official program of the Fort Worth Rock Island Lines Agricultural and Community Life Institute, to be held in Fort Worth November 12th, 13th and 14th in the First Baptist church, has reached the office of the local chamber of commerce. This is a movement that is of considerable importance to Wise county in that it is the first step on the part of the Rock Island and Fort Worth chamber of commerce co-operating, to promote the industries of truck farming, poultry raising and dairying in the sandy lang districts of Tarrant, Wise and Montague counties. The purpose is to divide the farms into small tracts, intensify the methods, promote these special industries and advertise such opportunities thruout the cold bleak regions of the extreme northern and eastern parts of the United States. This last work is to be done by the Rock Island Railway Company, which has asked for the co-operation of the chambers of commerce and county agents of the counties involved.

The program to be rendered at Fort Worth next week is an exhaustive one and should prove highly instructive and inspirational to the farmers and business men who attend the meetings. It is to be hoped a good delegation from Wise county will be able to attend at least some of the sessions.

REGISTRATIONS OF
NEW AUTOMOBILES

W. M. Workman, Decatur, Ford.
R. Booth, Chico, Ford.
J. M. Brammer, Rhome, Ford.
M. N. Blakeley, Boyd, Ford.
J. W. Brown, Decatur, Ford.
R. J. Wall, Decatur, Ford.
C. P. Dodson, Decatur, Ford.
C. F. Easley, Boyd, Ford.
J. I. Sandifer, Decatur, Ford.
L. R. Douglas, Rhome, Ford.
W. T. Nevins, Alvord, Ford.
W. J. Beason, Bridgeport, Ford.
Jesse Parish, Decatur, Ford.
L. Gallody, Bridgeport, Maxwell.
J. E. Mosier, Alvord, Ford.
John Rector, Decatur, Ford.
J. L. Murdock, Greenwood, Ford.
F. H. McClurg, Sunset, Ford.
J. Stevenson, Bowie, Chevrolet.
B. F. Jones, Greenwood, Ford.
G. Brunson, Chico, Ford.

A 22-calibre Remington automatic rifle for sale or trade for good shot gun or 22-calibre pump rifle. Man & Christian.

INTERESTING MEET
HELD BY DOCTORS

The Wise County Medical Society met in the offices of Dr. T. G. Rogers in Decatur on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. A very interesting paper was read by Dr. Charles P. Schencke, ear eye and nose specialist of Fort Worth, on "Foreign Bodies in the Food and Air Passages," and demonstrations were made as methods of removing them. Dr. E. H. Burey of Fort Worth, delivered a very interesting lecture on "Insulin and Its Use in the Treatment of Diabetes."

The following doctors were present at the meeting: P. C. Funk and S. E. Spencer of Bridgeport, B. O. Wilkerson of Chico, J. H. Walker of Alvord, W. B. Russell of Rhome, J. J. Ingram and T. G. Rogers of Decatur, with the visiting doctors from Fort Worth.

The next meeting will be held in the offices of Dr. P. J. Fullingim in Decatur on Tuesday, December 4th, at two o'clock p. m.

"Pride of Texas" flour is made right—right here. Ask for it by name.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable or Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Sallie Jobe by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the forty-third judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said forty-third judicial district, to

FRAIL CHILDREN

BUILD STRENGTH
RAPIDLY ON

Scott's Emulsion

the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5302, wherein J. D. Jobe is plaintiff and Sallie Jobe is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff has been for a period of twelve months an actual bona fide inhabitant of the state of Texas, and has resided in Wise county, Texas, for a period of six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that plaintiff and defendant were legally married on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1922; that they continued to live together as man and wife until on or about the last day of May, A. D. 1923, when defendant about this time was taken in adultery with another man; that defendant on or about the date aforesaid ran off with another man and has lived in adultery with him. Wherefore the plaintiff prays for judgment, dissolv-

ing said marriage relation, costs of suit and for such other and further relief in law and equity as he may be entitled to receive.

Herein fall not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return

thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this the 25th day of October, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Oct 26-Nov 16)

SHOP
FACTORY
INVESTMENTS
FARM
MILL
STORE

OUR BANK
ENCOURAGES
DEVELOPS AND
SUSTAINS
HOME INDUSTRIES

—When you're sick you go to a doctor. When in trouble you go to a lawyer. You go to the dentist about your teeth and to the tailor for clothes. Every one of them charges for his services.

—The banker gives you his advice free and gives it to you about the most important thing you own—your money.

—Come to see us about all your money affairs. We are here to serve you. Put your money in our bank.

First National Bank

Decatur : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

This
Thursday
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8-9-10



This
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NOW GOING ON

WHAT IS A ONE-CENT SALE?

—It is a sale where you buy an item at regular price—then another item of the same kind for one cent. As illustration: The standard price of Klenzo Dental Cream is fifty cents; you buy one tube at this price and by paying one cent more you get two tubes. Each and every article in this sale is a high-class standard piece of merchandise—just the same as we sell you every day at regular prices and have sold you for years.

A NEW WAY OF ADVERTISING

—Rather than spend large sums of money in other ways to convince you of the merits of these goods we are spending it on this sale in selling you a full-sized package of high standard merchandise for one cent. It costs money to get customers. The loss taken on this sale will be well spent if the goods please you.

—The items in this sale are too numerous to mention in this space—but you will find in this sale just such items as you use every day. The winter months are just ahead of us and it will be a good time to stock up on the things that you will need for the whole family this winter. The ladies will find on sale a complete line of the best toilet goods money can buy. Also included in this big sale you will find stationery of all kinds and at prices you can not duplicate except on a sale of this kind.

—Take a day off—bring the whole family—and come to this sale and you will be amply rewarded for your time. Remember the date

SEE OUR XMAS
GOODS NOW
ON DISPLAY

The Eagle Drug House

"WHERE PRICE AND QUALITY MEET"

—Both Phones 44-2—

Mail Orders Filled Promptly !

SEE OUR XMAS
GOODS NOW
ON DISPLAY

J. T. PASCHALL DIES AT HOME MONDAY

Uncle Jack Paschall, for many years a resident of the Deep Creek community, died suddenly at his home last Monday afternoon. His death was a shock to his relatives and many friends, as he was in usual health when the last summons came. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. L. Ward, a life-long friend of the deceased. A large concourse of friends were present, many from Decatur, to pay the last respects to this good man.

Mr. Paschall was a native of Tennessee, coming to Texas while a child. He settled in the Deep Creek community in 1854, and with the exception of a few years spent in California, he has since resided in that section. He was seventy-four years of age. During his long residence in Wise county, Mr. Paschall has been recognized as a man of high moral standing and strict integrity. He was always active in the affairs of his community, and assisted in the development of the county from a frontier country.

Deceased is survived by his wife and seven children, three daughters and four sons. He was a brother of Judge Dennis Paschall of this city.

POULTRY NOTES

Fat hens seldom have roup.

Turkey eggs can be hatched under hens.

Limiting the protein or beef scraps in the ration will retard egg production.

Sodium fluoride is a most effective lice powder. It is inexpensive, easily applied, and will get the lice.

Few eggs result when hens are allowed to eat their grain from the bare floor in lazy content. All grain should be scattered in deep litter for this purpose.

The division of publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., has an excellent bulletin on turkeys which can be had for the asking.

How to get the most from your eggs: Grade them properly and ship them to a reliable dealer.

The use of the colony brooder method of rearing chicks insures the raising of healthy chicks with the least work necessary.

Goose eggs may be lacking in fertility because of an unsatisfactory gander. In such cases a new gander may be the remedy. It pays to mate geese in the fall, as later matings may not produce fertile eggs the first year.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Joseph Lamb by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Wise county, Texas, on the last Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 9th day of October, A. D. 1923 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5249, wherein Della Lamb is plaintiff and Joseph Lamb is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff has been for a period of twelve months an actual bona fide inhabitant of the state of Texas, and has resided in Wise county, Texas, for a period of six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that plaintiff and defendant were legally married on the 24th day of August, A. D. 1916; that they continued to live together as man and wife until on or about the 6th day of August, A. D. 1922, when by reason of the unkind, harsh, cruel and tyrannical treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, that plaintiff was compelled to and did separate herself from defendant, since which time they have not lived together as man and wife, that the marriage relation between plaintiff and defendant still exist; that plaintiff is desirous of having said marriage between herself and defendant dissolved; wherefore the plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving said marriage relation, custody of her minor child, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and equity as she may be entitled to.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this the 9th day of October, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Oct 19-Nov 9)

"Blood and Sand" at Majestic.

SCHOOL HOUSES AS REAL INVESTMENT

Let us not forget that our school houses are investments for education and they should be used to good advantage. To close them for three or four months during the year, and use them for six days a week during the short school term is wasteful of equipment.

Rural schools should be used by the older people of the neighborhood as well as the young people who attend. The school house should be a meeting place of the community where farmers' institutions, educational and social meetings are held.

Not only will the young people enjoy social and literary meetings from time to time but the adult population in the community will get much benefit from such meetings. The school house is a good place to hold such meetings.

The rural community that has a school and a school building has no excuse for "starving" in a social and literary way. It is possible to build up a social center that will reflect moral, social and intellectual standards.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the people who were so kind in contributing to the fund for our piano.

THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD,
Pastor R. W. Newby.

Use "Pride of Texas" flour—equally good for pies, cakes, biscuits and bread.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Robert D. Hammond by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the forty-third judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said forty-third judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5301, wherein Mary Bell Hammond is plaintiff and Robert D. Hammond is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff has been for a period of twelve months an actual bona fide inhabitant of the state of Texas and has resided in Wise county, Texas, for a period of six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 22nd day of June, A. D. 1922; that they continued to live together as man and wife until about the 10th day of February, A. D. 1921 when defendant abandoned her, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife; that defendant some few months prior to their said separation commenced a course of unkind, harsh and tyrannical conduct toward her; that on various occasions the defendant was guilty of excesses, cruel treatment and outrages toward plaintiff, and that such conduct by defendant has rendered their living together insupportable; wherefore plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving said marriage relation, custody of her minor child, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and equity as she may be justly entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this the 24th day of October, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Oct 26-Nov 16)

After Every Meal

A universal custom that benefits everybody. Aids digestion, cleanses the teeth, soothes the throat.

WRIGLEYS

a good thing to remember

Sealed in its Purify Package

THE FLAVOR LASTS

REPUBLICANS PASS HIGH TARIFF BILLS

About this time of year the purchase of fall suits and overcoats begins, and manufacturers have already indicated that there will be increases in the prices of both "to absorb the increased prices of wools and other materials." In addition to the tariff of thirty-one cents per pound in scoured wool, which it is estimated ultimately cost the consumer \$6.6 cents, the prices of wools and worsteds have been twice advanced since 1922 and twice in 1923. At the time the eastern woolen mills yielded to the demands of their employees and granted a slight increase in pay, the New York Tribune, a Republican paper, reported that these increases ranged from twelve and one-half cents to thirty-seven and one-half cents a yard. Some of the mills boosted prices from twenty-five to thirty-five cents a yard, and jobbers and other middlemen added their advance and pyramided it.

It is unfortunate that the first resentment of the public caused by the increased price of woolen clothing should be manifested against the retailer, who in most instances, is in no wise to blame. Primarily the blame rests with the woolen trust in whose interest the high rates on wool were levied. The only other persons to profit from the wool schedule are a very few wool-growers and their profits are only temporary as is shown by the fact that since 1867 the price of wool in the American market has been virtually on a level with the price of wool in the world market at London.

Retail merchants would gladly welcome a reduction in the wool tariff as well as consumers because it would in no wise decrease their profits but would add to the volume of trade.

Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" at Majestic tonight.

SCHOOLS IN RURAL SECTIONS ARE BEST

The "little red schoolhouse," as good as it is, is not as good as the "big red schoolhouse." States which have experimented in rural schools (sometimes called union schools) report a great gain in education at little or no increase of cost.

The "consolidated school" takes the place of half a dozen or more "little red schoolhouses," collects the several teachers, libraries and facilities under one roof, and brings the children to and takes them from such schools via county operated motor busses, horse-drawn vehicles or trolley cars. The consolidated school flourishes where good roads are. It cannot be established where there are only poor roads.

The superintendent of public instruction in the state of Washington sets forth as the advantages of the consolidated school, that it provides a better school plant, i. e., makes possible the erection and maintenance of more modern school buildings and school equipment. It enables the district to increase the teaching staff and to obtain better trained teachers, and gives the rural community the advantages of the uniform graded school. It makes possible the establishment of high school courses, and, in many instances, enables the rural district to erect a modern high school building. It provides special work, such as manual training, domestic sciences, etc., in the rural community and finally the consolidated school increases interest in community activities by providing a central meeting place under attractive surroundings, making the school the center of the community circle.

See Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" tonight.

ONE ACRE TRACTS YIELD BIG RETURN

County Agent W. M. Love submits the report that Barney Wise, a Boyd farmer, has realized five hundred dollars this year from two separate one acre pieces of land. The first acre was planted to Irish potatoes, yielding about one hundred and forty dollars in potatoes; planted to cotton following the potatoes made one thousand pounds of cotton. The second acre was likewise planted to potatoes, followed by sorghum cane that made a hundred gallon buckets of syrup; total proceeds five hundred dollars.

Mr. Wise's corn is all planted to peas, pastured after the corn is gathered and the stubble and refuse turned under. The Iron or Brabham pea, in connection with corn, is used to rotate with cotton to keep down the fungus root rot growth that has destroyed as much as two-thirds of the cotton crop on the Wise place.

Nearly every foot of the land on the Wise farm is terraced, and Mr. Wise is a great believer in terracing.

Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand" at Majestic tonight.

WEEVIL BULLETINS FOR DISTRIBUTION

The New Orleans conference on the boll weevil, attended by the mighties in the councils of the nation, resolved on a step that seems to have stood out above all other steps taken. It called for the immediate publication by the government of a large additional supply of the new bulletin on boll weevil control and broadcast dissemination. It seems as if the great importance of the teaching of the bulletin had been over-looked.

Copies of this bulletin have been on file in the office of the Decatur chamber of commerce for several weeks and has been urged on the attention of parties whom it was believed would help spread the vital information in this community.

STOP THAT ITCHING.

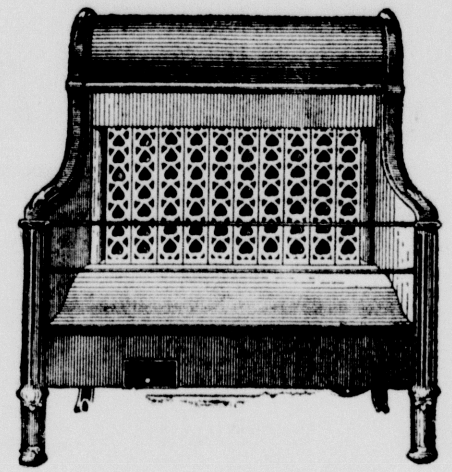
Use Blue Star Remedy for eczema, itch, tetter or cracked hands, ring worms, chapped face, poison oak, sunburns, old sores or sores on children. It relieves all forms of sore feet. For sale by Sanders & Ingram.

"Pride of Texas" flour is made right—right here. Ask for it by name.

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or let us do it for you by installing your new stoves now!



WE HAVE THE POPULAR

Radiant Heaters

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BUNSEN BURNERS

in all sizes and at all prices. Come in and let us show you.

MAN & CHRISTIAN

—Furniture and Undertaking—

I AM NOW IN ST. LOUIS

Buying More New Goods for our

RED TAG SALE

To show our appreciation of the wonderful success of this sale, we are shipping in two car loads of goods to be sold at Red Tag Sale prices. We want our friends and our neighbors to buy their supplies at these real bargain prices.

Throw your catalogs away—or bring them with you—we'll show you the real goods at unheard-of values.

Cotton is climbing in price—but our prices are lower. Come on, neighbor! This is the opportunity of a life-time.

M. P. MASK

Beard Building—South Side of the Square

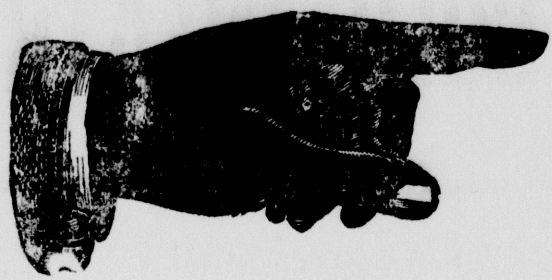


THE high, thick, sharp-edged blocks of the Goodyear All-Weather Tread keep the maximum traction and safety under your car every foot of the way. They resist sideslip and skidding, help make the most of fuel, and protect your motor from the strain of stalling or spinning wheels.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cords with the beveled All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service

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J. C. BARNHILL, Chlco
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GOOD YEAR



BARGAIN DAYS

From November 9th to December 15th

These are subscription bargain days for the Wise County Messenger, and all those desiring to have the most popular paper in Decatur visit them during the coming year should take advantage of the offer. During this campaign you can get Wise County's oldest and most widely circulated publication

ONE YEAR FOR \$1.00

The Messenger is the only all-home print eight-page paper published in the county. It is the only newspaper published in Decatur, the county seat, which is printed and published in the home town. For many years it has enjoyed the distinction of being the most popular country weekly in this section of the state, and today stands in the front rank of the state's best weekly papers.

At the state meeting of the Texas Press Association, held in Denton, the Messenger was one of the five weekly papers in the state proclaimed best in Texas. This association has a membership representing more than six hundred publications in the state.

ALL THE COUNTY NEWS—LOCAL NEWS—COURT NEWS—COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS—MARKET QUOTATIONS—EIGHT-PAGE MAGAZINE ONCE A MONTH WITH THE REGULAR EDITION!

Wise County Messenger

“Supreme in Its Home County”

CULLING CHICKENS IS REAL NECESSITY

Regardless of how highly a flock of standard bred birds have been bred for egg production there will be at least a few culls that should be eliminated each year. In the flocks where little or no culling has been done about a third of the flock can usually be culled without decrease of egg production.

However, the general care and feed of the flock should be taken into consideration. A hen is simply a factory that manufactures the raw material into eggs. We would not expect to send corn to a cotton gin to have it made into bales and then eventually into cotton cloth. Yet occasionally we hear the remark, “I feed my hens all the corn they want. I do not understand why they do not lay.” A hen must have material to make these parts of an egg—shell, yolk and white. She may have the material to make two parts, but if she does not have the material to make the third part of the egg she still can not produce the egg. Therefore it is very necessary that a hen have a balanced ration or a ration that will give her the necessary nourishment for the up-keep of her body. At the same time the right kind of material from which eggs may be manufactured is essential. Following is a suggested formula:

1.—For a scratch feed have one hundred pounds of corn and one hundred pounds of wheat. For a dry mash have twenty pounds of oats, twenty pounds of wheat bran, twenty pounds of shorts or middlings, twenty pounds of corn meal, twenty pounds of dried beef scraps, one pound of salt—ten pounds of dried beef scraps and ten pounds of cotton seed meal may be used instead of twenty pounds of beef scraps. Keep the dry mash before the flock in a self feeder hopper all the time. Also furnish an abundant supply of oyster shell, charcoal, grit, fresh green feed and water all the time.

In case the above mentioned grains are not raised in your county, ask your county farm or home demonstration agent to help you work out a formula for dry mash in order to use as much of home grown products as possible, therefore materially reducing the cost of the feed.

These green feed is as necessary in the winter as it is in the summer, the grain sprouter, the grain sprouter, the grain sprouter, colony houses and three sizes of laying houses may

be secured from the college thru your county farm or home demonstration agent.

Taking it for granted that you are either feeding your hens a balanced ration or that you intend to begin immediately, we will briefly mention the main factor to be considered in culling. The fundamental factor to be considered is strength, health and vigor. Birds possessing these qualities usually have medium length backs that are not only broad thru the shoulders but broad to the end; full breasts; full body and fluff; set well apart on the legs; clear, bright prominent eyes; broad head with medium length neck and short stubby beak. The above are general characteristics. Following characteristics, in addition to the above that should be rated in culling this season of the year. They are named in the order of their importance: The shanks and beak should be pale in color; moult late; pelvic or lay bones thin and pliable; skin over the abdomen thin, soft and pliable; comb, large, warm, moist and waxy; broad width of the pelvic arch indicates how heavily the fowl is laying at present. The above applies to hens and not to pullets.

Right now is the time to weed out the loafer that does not produce enough to pay for the pound of salt that seasons the one hundred pounds of dry mash that the entire flock is eating. Not only shall we be educating the feed bill—and not reducing the number of eggs—but we shall be saving our best for the next year's breeding pens. Giving these birds the best care and attention means money from high priced eggs at Thanksgiving and Christmas.—Miss Myrtle Murray, poultry specialist.

FLATWOODS NEWS

Mrs. J. F. Womack has been real sick, but is some improved at this writing.

Herman Goodger and Robert Newton made a business trip Monday to Fort Worth.

Uncle Jake Brown of South Texas, is visiting friends and relatives here and looking after his farm.

Our school began Monday morning at Flatwoods. Miss Ima Patterson is the teacher and we welcome her back to us again.

Those who visited Mrs. Womack were Leo Keoninger and wife, Roy Womack and wife, Mrs. Earl Perrin, Arnie Deaton and Miss Ima Patterson.

NEW REMEDY USED FOR BOLL WEEVILS

A. Moar, a tenant farmer near Quitman, Georgia, claims to have the simplest method on earth for beating the boll weevil. And this is it. Last spring he planted eight acres in cotton, dividing the tract into two parts of four acres each. In the center of each tract he set up a chicken house and installed about twenty standard bred hens in each establishment. He then sat down to wait for developments.

And here's what happened. Those hens got after the boll weevils in each field every day, and so kept them from getting any kind of a start on the cotton crop.

And you can believe it or not, but Mr. Moar raised eight bales of cotton on these same eight acres—a stunt that was well worth doing in the good old days, but is well-nigh impossible in these times.

Not only has he produced a bale to the acre with his cotton but he has made a handsome profit on his chickens and eggs. In fact Mr. Moar says that his poultry would have paid him a good profit on the investment of land and labor if he had not made anything off his cotton. What is more, he says he is going to raise more chickens, more eggs and more cotton next year.

This may not be an absolutely infallible method of beating the boll weevil, but it is at least worth a trial. At least the poultry will pay for itself at the cost of the cotton as well—so farmers trying it will not be anything out of pocket.

DRACO NEWS

J. D. Read's family spent Sunday with D. C. Read's family.

Miss Alice Patterson spent Sunday with homefolks at Paradise.

Chester Shannon and Homer Read have returned home after a short visit near Weatherford.

Miss Grace Fletcher is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Livengood.

Vera ad n Marshal Franks spent Saturday night ad Sunday in Paradise with Walter Powell's family.

On Monday, November 5th, Miss Gladys Elders, a popular young lady of this community, and Ike Hartsell were united in marriage. Their many friends wish for them a very happy and prosperous journey thru life.

DIARYING IS BEGUN BY SAM PAVILLARD

Sam Pavillard came to town last Monday. Sam is an old-time successful cotton raiser of the Boyd country. He has been missing from home for several days and folks were wondering what had become of him. He turned up in Decatur Monday and quite incidentally related in the office of the chamber of commerce that he had been down in the Tyler country of East Texas buying some dairy cattle—forty head, he said—of high grade Jersey females and a pure bred bull of fine milk production ancestry. Altho one of the best cotton growers in these parts and inventor and maker of boll weevil destruction machines, Sam perceived the drift of sentiment to the side of safety in farming and has gotten good and ready to go into the dairy business.

It is a very significant thing for this kind of farmer to do. If anybody can raise cotton it is Sam Pavillard, but as good a cotton raiser as he is he is still a farmer with a keen business instinct and he foresees the danger of depending on cotton alone for a livelihood. He said he doesn't know anything about the dairy business but is self assured he can learn rapidly enough.

He has no intention of quitting cotton and advises nobody else to quit. In fact, he thinks it the thing for every farmer to do, that of planting a good acreage of cotton each year and of learning how to fight the boll weevil as a per-requisite to the raising of a crop. Cotton is still the money crop of this region and must be adhered to for all commercial and business reasons. But Sam, with his twenty-nine bales of unsold cotton on hand, is decidedly of the opinion that a farmer, to be safe from now on, has to broaden out—have some other business on hand to make money in the event the boll weevil cleans up in any given year. So, in a business like way he is getting ready for dairying on a business like scale.

It seems certain the wise thing to do and the example of this typical old-time cotton raiser certainly points the drift of opinion that, more rapidly than anybody conceives of, shapes itself in the direction of a more balanced plan of farming whereby the county delivers itself from under the bondage to any particular crop.

Mr. Pavillard called to see County Agent W. M. Love while in town to procure a set of plans for a set of dairy barns and houses.

The TRANSPORTATION LINES

Natural gas leaves a compressor station at a pressure of from 200 to 500 pounds to the inch. It is forced into mains of from 6 to 20 inch diameter and driven along by the force of the compression to the point of delivery.

Gas under high pressure in these lines is subject to leakage. A very small opening in a joint of pipe may, and frequently does, blow out an enormous amount of gas.

Various devices in the way of expanding collars and rubber gaskets have been used to make these lines tight at the joints.

The corrosion caused by the soil of parts of Oklahoma and Texas will pit these pipes in a year so that they become useless. In order to prolong their life, each pipe is painted with an asphalt preparation and then wrapped in paper before it is laid.

Meters are provided where the gas enters the pipe and where it is drawn off, and a constant force of inspectors patrol the line, looking for leaks.

Repair of these lines without interruption of service often makes careful planning and quick to the most spectacular tenance, when a new long is installed in a very short time.

LONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS

**Remember Messenger's
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